Agro Service Centre Scheme launched by the Ministry in 1971-72, that though the concept for the full sized centre should have cost Rs. 2.5 lacs to Rs. 3.00 lacs but the banks under financed the Centres on average of Rs. 42 thousand only per unit which is hardly a viable size centre, for any satisfactory range of supplies or services;

(b) if so, what action and persuations could be done with the commercial banks by Government during last ten years to make the centres viable; and

(c) if no action had been taken in this regard the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The study report was released in 1979. The scheme was transferred to the State Sector w.e.f. 1-4-1979 in persuance of the decision of the National Development Council.

Recommendations of various organisations and States to solve problems of Agro Service Centres

3288. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tractor Training and Testing Centres of Hisar and Bundni in their Survey reports of 1977 and 1978, the Agriculture Ministry in 1981-82 the State Governments of Maharashtra, West Bengal and Haryana the State Agro Industries Corporation of Bihar, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Haryana, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra etc. have recommended to the Central Government for the various facilities to be provided to the Agro Service Centres in Country to solve their problems;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what are the reasons for not including those genuine recommendations in the rehabilitation scheme prepared by Government in 1986 under Hon'ble Supreme Court's Judgements directives dated the 30th September, 1985 and whether Government propose to include those facilities now ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) Various suggestions were made to the Central Governments by Central Ministries, State Governments State Agro Industries Corporations and other organisations for improving the viability of Agro Service Centres and rehabilitation of Sick Units.

(b) and (c) The scheme for rehabilitation of Sick Agro Service Centres was prepared after giving the due consideration to all suggestions and in consultation with State Governments and filed in the Supreme Court in 1986.

Financial liabilities and assets of Agro Service Centres

3289. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVARO JADHAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Orissa State Agro Industries Development Corporation Ltd. had recommended vide their letter No. cdd dated the 19th March, 1986 to the Central Government that in the view of the precarious conditions of the Agro Entrepreneurs of Agro Service Centres Schemes, all the financial liabilities and the assets of the Agro Service Centres should be taken up by Government and Entrepreneurs be freed;